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Dear Mrs. Kelly:

I was very glad to be able to meet with you and your colleagues in my office this morning and to have the benefit of your guidance and views. We in the Department are anxious to do everything we properly can to assist your Subcommittee in its studies of the background of recent developments in the Satellite countries.

We have discussed this matter with appropriate officials in the Department after our meeting this morning and believe it would greatly assist our efforts to cooperate with your Subcommittee if you could give us, in writing, a more specific idea of precisely what kind of information you desire. As I am sure you understand, we are inhibited by the fact that much of this information comes from other Agencies, some of which have responsibility under law as to its distribution, and therefore the Department is not in a position to decide as to who from outside the Department may have access to this material. However, on the basis of your written request we would be able to approach the other responsible agencies and departments to see whether the requested material could be made available.

It was, as always, a pleasure to be with you this morning and I want you to know that for our part, we shall make every effort to be of assistance to you and your Subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Robert C. Hill
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
Edna F. Kelly, Chairman,
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